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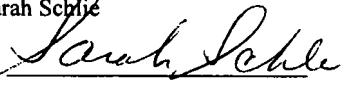
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated January 22, 2007, Applicants submit herewith the Part B – Fees Transmittal Form, PTOL-85, Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1700.00 in payment of the issue fee and publication fee to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 057517-0045. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed herewith.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Applicant submits that the invention set forth in each of the claims is patentable for reasons set forth in the specification of the present application as well as for all of the reasons set forth in the remarks submitted during prosecution of this Application.

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